Revival of TCO

4196. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 404 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 2000 and state the action taken by IDBI on each of the recommendations for revival of Technical Consultancy Organisation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): In view of the problems faced by several Technical Consultancy Organisations (TCOs) IDBI appointed a Consultant, namely, Moores Rowland Consulting Pvt. Ltd. (MRCL) for carrying out an independent study of all TCOs and to suggest measures for their revival. The consultant has since submitted the report. IDBI proposes to discuss, in the first instance, with TCOs and subsequently with the State Governments and other institutions concerned, the basic approach for revival with a view to prepare suitable action plan for revival of TCOs.

Non payment of dues to VRS retirees

4197. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various employees of State Bank of Indore posted in Delhi Branches and adjoining area who retired under VRS on 31st March, 2001 have not been paid their claims of *Ex-gratia* and leave encashment by that date despite clear instructions/Fax/VRS No. 934 dated 27th March, 2001 from Personnel Department of the Bank for payment in time to the employees;

(b) if so, the details of such employees, region-wise, branch-wise;

(c) the reasons, if any, therefor; and

(d) by when, payment will be made to such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) State Bank of Indore has reported that instructions dated 27th March, 2001

were subsequently modified whereby controlling authorities were advised to make payment within five weeks from the date of retirement of the employees under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

Enquiry pending against Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai

4198. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether any investigation is pending against the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): No, Sir.

Loss of revenue due to under-invoicing of Chinese goods

4199. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Asian Age dated 15th January, 2001 under the caption "Hindi Chini Buy-Buy is an invoice scam";

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss of revenue suffered by Government as a result of under-invoicing of Chinese goods;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the importers and also against the Customs officials who have colluded with the importers in these scam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The aforesaid investigation report deals with imports of Chinese goods in Indian market noticed in recent past, analyses its reasons highlighting attempted under-invoicing by traders, and discusses the adverse impact of the import on Indian manufacturing sector. The news-item finally suggests imposition of Counter Vailing